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SUBJECT: BUENOS AIRES MFM

REF: BRASILIA 481

1. WE ARE REPEATING EXCHANGE OF CABLES WITH EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES COVERING STATUS OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH
THE ARGENTINES. YOU WILL NOTE AMBIGUITY IN ARGENTINE
DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT
BA MFM ON VOTING QUESTION. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER
ARGENTINES ARE THINKING OF AN MFM PRONOUNCEMENT LIMITED
TO RATIFYING OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSENSUS TO AMEND
ARTICLE 17 OF RIO TREATY OR ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT
TO PROCEED IN APRIL WITH REVISION OF 1964 RESOLUTION.
PERHAPS THEIR EXPLANATION OF MODALITIES WILL CLARIFY
THIS POINT.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH RABASA, SECRETARY NOTED
THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO HAVING CUBA AT BUENOS
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AIRES, BUT ARE PREPARED TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR

SUBSEQUENT PERMANENT COUNCIL LIFTING OF SANCTIONS
BY MAJORITY VOTE.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW STATUS OF CONSULTATION ARGENTINES
MAY BE CONDUCTING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. REGARDING ARGUMENTS TO ADDRESS SILVEIRA'S CONCERN
ON ARGENTINE-COLOMBIAN SUGGESTION ON PROCEDURE, IT
MAY OFFER LEGAL, IF ARTFUL, WAY TO PERMIT MAJORITY
POSITION ON CUBA TO BE IMPLEMENTED, REMOVE CUBAN
ISSUE DIVISIVENESS FROM INTER-AMERICAN AGENDA, AND
WOULD BE CONSISTENT PROJECTION OF POLICY REFLECTED
IN OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSENSUS.

5. RE POINT (C) OF PARAGRAPH 5 WE WILL GIVE YOU
OUR FURTHER THINKING AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM
ARGENTINA CLARIFICATION OF MODALITIES. KISSINGER

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